

305 MILL STREET

This house was built for Emerson C. Harrington, Governor of Maryland between 1916 and 1920. Harrington, who was born in nearby Madison, lived in this house until his death. The style of this large rambling frame house is Queen Anne, although it lacks the towers that are often associated with this genre. A variety of architectural features embellish the exterior of the house including a two story bay window under a gable with imbricated shingle and a lunette window, a porch across the front with an ornamented pediment, and a small balcony on the second story, the roof of which is supported by rectangular columns and traceried brackets.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

305 Mill Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Dorchester

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
—STRUCTURE
—SITE
—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS
—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
—UNOCCUPIED
—WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
—YES: RESTRICTED
—YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE —MUSEUM
—COMMERCIAL —PARK
—EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
—ENTERTAINMENT —RELIGIOUS
—GOVERNMENT —SCIENTIFIC
—INDUSTRIAL —TRANSPORTATION
—MILITARY —OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

S. Charles Walls, III

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

305 Mill Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21613

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dorchester County Courthouse

Liber #: 180

Folio #: 543

STREET & NUMBER

206 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland 21613

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a large rambling, assymetrical house with a variety of architectural details. It is a two and one half story frame house, and the front portion is basically a rectangular block with a hip roof that rises to a peak. Behind this front portion is a larger wing with a gabled roof. The front facade consists of two bays plus a two story polygonal bay window with a gable above. The gable has a lunette window and is ornamented with imbricated shingle. Opposite the gable is a gabled dormer. Across the front is a one story porch supported by Doric columns with a ballustrade. Below the eaves of the porch roof is a row of dentils. In front of the door, which is flanked by sidelights, is a pediment with ornamentation, supported by two brackets at each corner. In front of the two bays above the front door is a small balcony with a roof supported by rectangular columns and brackets with tracery. There is a small ballustrade between the columns.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 00-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		home of Governor Emerson C. Harrington

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is historically significant as the former home of Governor Emerson C. Harrington who was born in nearby Madison, Maryland. Harrington was the Governor of Maryland between 1916 and 1920.

This house reflects the influence of the Queen Anne style of architecture that reached its zenith in the last quarter of the 19th century. There are several homes of this era on Mill Street which are of architectural interest.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Catherine L. Moore, _____

ORGANIZATION

DATE

11/27/75

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Route 3, Box 32

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Cambridge

Maryland 21613

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

305 Mill Street

This house was the home of Emerson C. Harrington (1864-1945), teacher, lawyer and Governor of Maryland from 1916 to 1920. Harrington bought the front part of the present lot in 1893 from James Higgins (see 303 Mill Street) and erected this structure in 1897.

Harrington was born in nearby Madison, Maryland, and served as principal of Cambridge Academy and later Cambridge High School. He studied law in his spare time, resigning in 1898 as principal in order to practice law. Harrington served as states attorney for Dorchester County from 1899 to 1903. He purchased the rear portion of the lot in 1923. The house remained in the Harrington family until 1973, when the present owners acquired it.

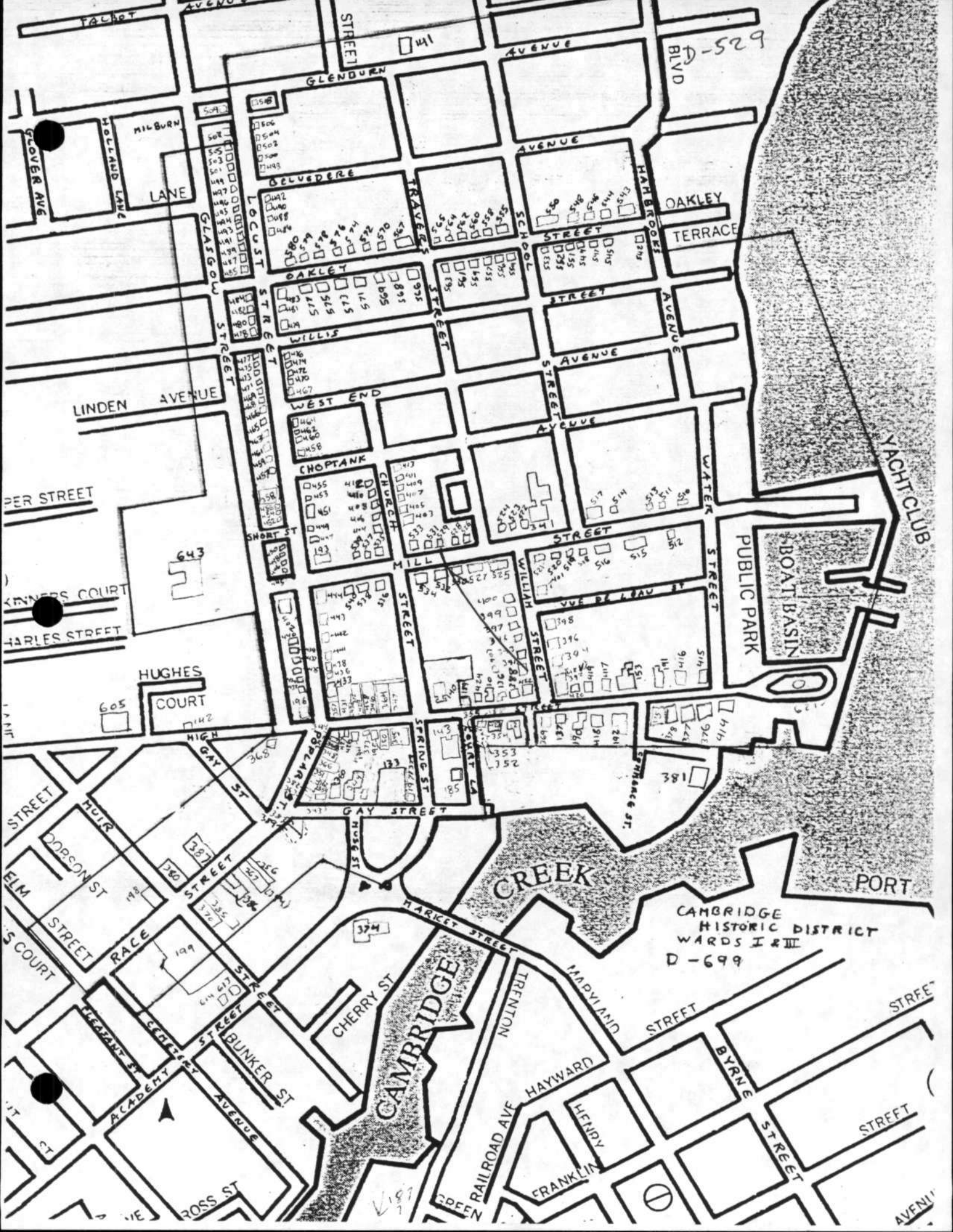
The house reflects the influence of the Queen Anne style of architecture, and is one of the many houses on Mill Street erected in the years 1890-1914. It is one of five houses of former Governors of Maryland that are located in present-day Cambridge.

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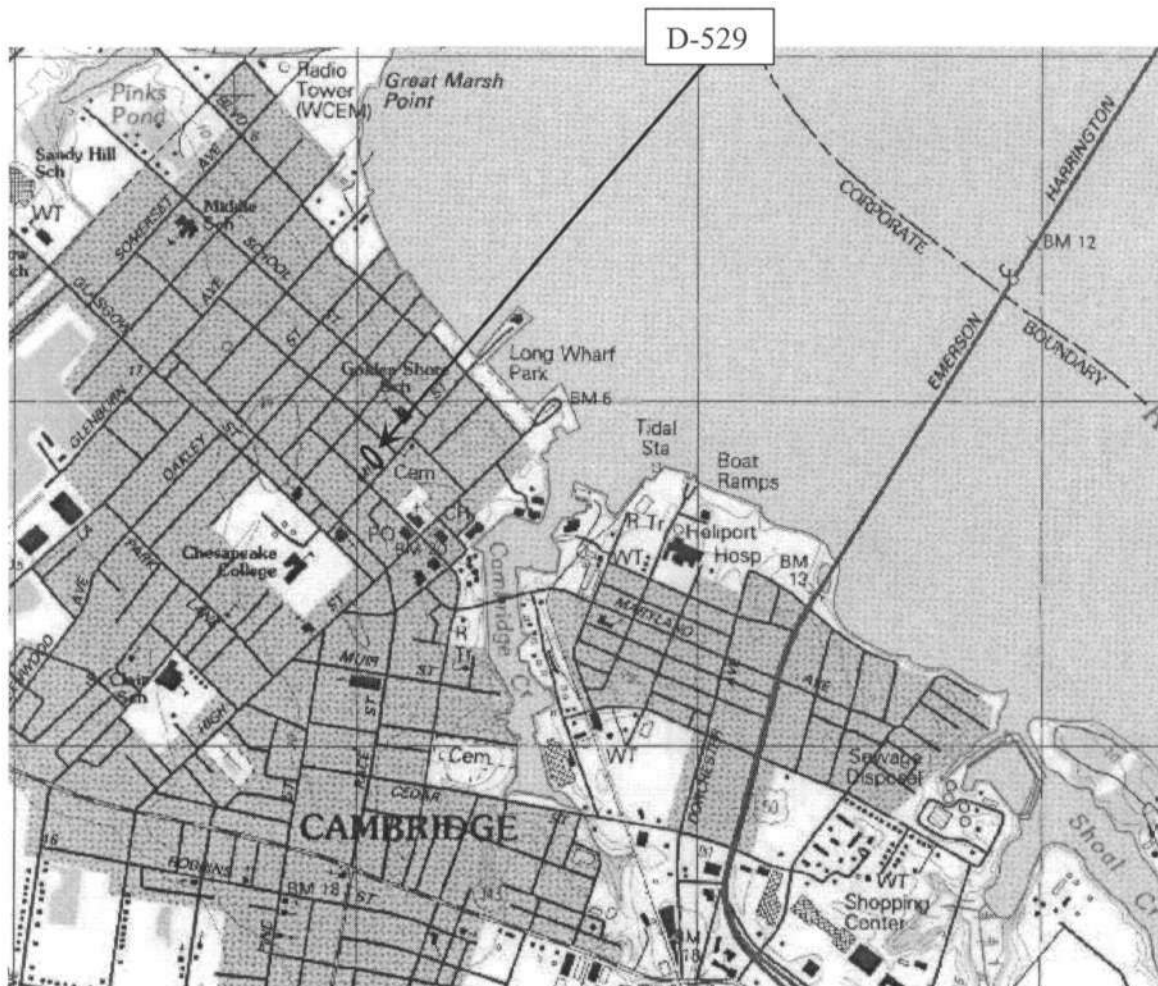
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Cambridge
Cambridge Quad.
Dorchester Co.





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